

BAPPG

Partnerships

BAPPG is committed to cooperation with other agencies and groups concerned with pollution prevention, including BADA, the Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association (BASMAA), and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

Topics of Regional Pollution Prevention Projects *(partial list)*

- Vehicle service discharges
- Surface cleaner discharges
- Organophosphate pesticides
- Copper pollution in the Bay
- School outreach programs

For More Information


The Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group welcomes everyone interested in improving our environment. To add your name to our mailing list or to request a complete list of our past projects or current workplan, please call (510) 622-2383 or e-mail stl@swrcb.rb2.ca.gov.

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An introduction to...



*the San Francisco
Bay Area Pollution
Prevention Group*



The Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group

Mission

To coordinate all dischargers' pollution prevention activities in order to reduce the amount of toxic pollutants discharged into San Francisco Bay.

What is the Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group?

In 1992, the 39 municipal wastewater treatment plants that discharge into the San Francisco Bay joined together to form the San Francisco Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group (BAPPG). This voluntary association water pollution prevention agencies collaborates to:

- Improve communication,
- Make the most effective use of public funds,
- Coordinate regional pollution prevention projects,
- Encourage and sponsor research and studies on topics related to pollution prevention, and
- Develop regionally consistent public education messages and programs.

Organization

BAPPG meets bi-monthly at the Oakland offices of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) to hear committee reports, agree on future plans, and share information. The Public Education Workgroup develops and promotes regional education projects and messages. Other workgroups are formed as needed to implement research projects and control strategies for different pollutant sources. Participation in workgroups is voluntary. All decisions are made by consensus. Staff support and mailing are provided by the RWQCB.

Funding

BAPPG develops an annual workplan based on issues and priorities which are reviewed annually. The group's annual budget, generally in the \$30,000 range, is set and allocated among the 34 largest Bay Area treatment plants. The allocation is based on the average daily volume of treated wastewater discharged in to the Bay. (Ocean dischargers and agencies discharging less than 1 million gallons per day are not included in the allocation formula, but are welcome to contribute.) Contributions are voluntary. Recently, all agencies have contributed.

Staff support, design, and printing of some materials has been donated by participating agencies. The Bay Area Dischargers Association (BADA) is BAPPG's fiscal agent.

Accomplishments

The efforts of BAPPG in the short period since its formation have resulted in numerous accomplishments including:

- A regional sales ban on copper sulfate root killers and tributyltin cooling water additives.
- Publication of several nationwide reviews of literature and pollution prevention programs related to commercial and residential sources of wastewater and stormwater pollution.
- Publication and regional distribution of numerous public education materials and programs, in English and Spanish.
- Recognition by the Friends of the Estuary in 1996 for an outstanding Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) Implementation Project to further the Estuary Awareness priority in the CCMP for the Bay. BAPPG developed and distributed a brochure suggesting effective alternatives to copper-based root control products.
- A Special Achievement Award in 1999 from the California Water Environment Association to BAPPG and the San Francisco Bay Area RWQCB. The award cited BAPPG's innovative, collaborative approach to addressing regional pollution prevention issues. This approach utilizes shared resources to promote unified regional messages.

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